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TAGS: SREF  
SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDOCHINESE  
REFUGEES

REF: BANGKOK 23733

1. UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE SAMPATKUMAR SAW ME TODAY AT HIS REQUEST. HE CONFIRMED THAT UNHCR HARTLING PLANNED TO HOLD A "BRIEFING" IN KUALA LUMPUR ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 20 (NOT SEPT 18 AS REPORTED REFTEL). SAMPATKUMAR SAID THAT HARTLING FELT HE COULD ONLY HOLD SUCH A MEETING AFTER HE HAD VISITED THAI AND MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS AND REFUGEE CAMPS, SO THE BRIEFING WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER HIS THAI VISIT AND AT THE END OF HIS MALAYSIAN VISIT. SAMPATKUMAR CONFIRMED THAT THE BRIEFING WOULD TAKE PLACE AT HIS HEADQUARTERS HERE AND THAT LOCAL EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE INVITED FROM ASEAN COUNTRIES AND FROM TRADITIONAL IMMIGRATION COUNTRIES. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY, HE SAID THAT HE HAD APPROACHED THE MFA HERE ON THE MEETING AND THAT THE MFA HAD NO OBJECTION, PROVIDED THE MEETING WAS "LOW PROFILE". SAMPATKUMAR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD SEND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM CANBERRA.

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2. SAMPATKUMAR APPEARED UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROPOSAL FOR A BROADER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDOCHINA REFUGEES, BUT EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL SKEPTICISM AS TO THE UTILITY OF SUCH A CONFERENCE. HE QUESTIONED FOR EXAMPLE WHETHER A BROADER CONFERENCE WOULD RESULT IN INCREASED RESETTLEMENTS COMMITMENTS. HE APPEARED TO HAVE NO OBJECTION, HOWEVER, IF THE U.S. OR AUSTRALIA

OR ANOTHER COUNTRY WERE TO RAISE FOR DISCUSSION THE QUESTION  
OF A BROADER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT THE "SEPT 20  
"BRIEFING".  
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